

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
-TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE-**

**June 6, 2002**

**M I N U T E S - R E V I S E D**

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AUDIO-CASSETTE TAPES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG OFFICES.**

The Southern California Association of Governments Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) held its meeting at the Sheraton Universal Hotel. Chair Ron Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. There was a quorum.

**1.0     CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1     PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Public Comment was made by Joel Kirschenstein on behalf of the Inglewood Unified School District regarding the Arbor Vitae intersection and impacts LAX has on the Inglewood Unified School District. Mr. Kirschenstein requested holding a meeting at the Oak Street School with Caltrans, LAX, and FCC representatives. Inglewood Unified sent detailed correspondence on these items to SCAG last week.

**2.0     ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Councilmember Roberts, TCC Chair, opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair.

Councilmember Dixon nominated and Mayor Bates seconded Councilmember Roberts, City of Temecula and the WRCOG Subregion, to serve as TCC Chair. Nominations closed.

The TCC UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the Chair (Roberts) nomination.

Supervisor Judy Mikels nominated, and Councilmember Bernson seconded Mayor Pro Tem Garcia as TCC Vice-Chair.

The TCC UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the Vice-Chair (Garcia) nomination.

### **3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

A MOTION was MADE (Bass), SECONDED (Judy Mikels) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the balance of the consent calendar:

#### **3.1 Approval Items**

3.1.1 May 2, 2002 Meeting Minutes

#### **3.2 Receive and File**

3.2.1 Intergovernmental Review Report

3.2.2 SCAG Legislative Matrix 2001-2002 Session

### **4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

#### **ADDITIONAL ITEM:**

Mike Murphy, Government Affairs, requested adding AB 2333 to the agenda. The Senate Transportation Committee has scheduled a hearing on the bill in Sacramento June 18, 2002. The Committee must take action on the bill prior to that date for staff to make a presentation on the bill at the hearing.

It was MOVED (Judy Mikels), SECONDED (Bates) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to add the item to the agenda. The item will be put under #5.14.

#### **4.1 Create a Highway Task Force**

Ty Schuiling, RTP Technical Advisory Committee Chair, reported on the recommendation from the RTP TAC to create a new task force focusing on highway and arterial issues.

Mayor Bates expressed his excitement that all of the Commissions are backing this project. He hopes that the Task Force will be able to coordinate efforts and make improvements through inter-county connections. Hasan Ikhmeta stated that the FY02/03 budget includes funds for staff expenses.

Public Comment was made by Steve Finnegan, Automobile Club of Southern California, in support of creating a Highway Task Force.

Supervisor Judy Mikels requested that the record show the intended sunset date for the new Task Force. The Committee discussed Task Force staffing and participation.

It was MOVED (Stanford), SECONDED (Proo) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve creating a Highway Task Force with a sunset date following completion of the Regional Transportation Plan.

## **4.2     ACA 11 (Richman) – Infrastructure Finance**

Charlotte Eckelbecker, Governments Affairs, presented ACA 11, a constitutional amendment introduced by Assembly Member Keith Richman. ACA 11 transfers general fund revenues to the Twenty-First Century Infrastructure Investment Fund. Revenues from this fund would finance capital outlay projects. ACA 11 is expected to dedicate \$112 billion toward infrastructure over the next 20 years.

Al Leiga stated his opposition to ACA 11, calling the legislation poor public policy. Several members expressed concern regarding the source of this money, and the lack of guarantees or local control of these funds.

Councilmember Bernson questioned the lack of transportation funds until 2007, and suggested seeking amendments to correct this.

Judy Mikels supports the ACA 11 concept, but will not support ACA 11 unless it is amended because of the risk of losing additional local funds. [this isn't quite clear]

A MOTION was MADE (Bates), and SECONDED (Bernson), supporting, with amendments, including transportation funds in 2004-05. A vote was taken, and there being 4 AYES and 14 NOES, the MOTION FAILED.

A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED, 1 OPPOSED (Leiga) and APPROVED to refrain from taking a position on ACA 11, but to monitor further developments (watch).

## **5.0     INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **5.1     US-101 Corridor Study Progress Report**

Rose Casey, Caltrans, introduced the item and briefly summarized the U.S. Interstate 101 Corridor Study. The three-year study (currently at a major decision-making point)[would it be useful to mention the decision issue?] will identify improvements or strategies for all modes throughout the corridor. In addition to the freeway, the study will consider the local city street system and transit. The study has an extensive public outreach component.

Caltrans and MTA are leading this study with support from the Las Virgenes/Malibu Council of Governments and SCAG. The Los Angeles Department of Transportation is also a partner. This multi-jurisdictional effort will study 40 miles of freeway between Thousand Oaks and Downtown Los Angeles. The study will address two primary goals: 1) developing a preferred multi-modal strategy that includes near, mid and long-term projects; and 2) PID, an initial engineering study that presumably will jump-start project implementation.

Project objectives include moving more people, increasing average speed, reducing congestion, minimizing peak period delays, increasing safety, minimizing air pollution, keeping cars off residential streets, and identifying project funding.

Tom Jenkins, Parsons Brinckerhoff, and Josh Gertler, Consensus Planning Group gave the presentation. There will be an update on reduced strategies for TCC members in August/September.

**5.2**     Status of Disposition and Re-use of El Toro Marine Corps Air Station

Rich Macias, Manager of Aviation & Environmental Planning, reported on the status of MCAS El Toro disposition, land use initiatives, and several lawsuits. There is no change in Measure W status.

**5.3**     Draft 2002 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

Sylvia Patsaouras, Manager of Performance Assessment & Implementation, reported on the Draft 2002 RTIP and its release for public comment.

**5.4**     Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition (RTAC)

Mark Pisano, Executive Director, reported on RTAC background and history. Transportation Commission heads (CEO Group) and Mark Pisano unanimously agreed that RTAC has completed its responsibilities and duties. In the future, the 1246 process will follow the statute pertaining to the process. Mr. Pisano did not ask for a motion at this time. Staff will prepare a memo based on the Committee's response to the recommendation. Staff will circulate the memo to the Commissions for their input. The memo will come forward to all respective bodies for finalization.

Mayor Bates agreed on this approach, although he stated his concern regarding coordination between transportation agencies. He urged the CEO group not to lose the focus and not only accomplish the minimum required under law, but to follow-through on issues that need attention/resolution for a regional system work. Mayor Bates also suggested putting Rideshare on top of the agenda.

Mark Pisano reported that the CEO group now meets every other month. They, executive officers, participate and raise issues, both financial and programmatic, that need resolution to start truly integrating transportation system decision-making in the region. This working relationship facilitated evolution of this recommendation. The officers need to meet not only as executive officers, but in their new role, with their chairmen on issues related to the Regional Transportation Plan, the TIP, and conformity.

Mayor Pro Tem Proo, current RTAC Chair, reported that MTA delivered detailed comments regarding the CEO proposal and are waiting for a

response. Any changes or decisions need concurrence from all organizations and their executive groups according to the bylaws. Mr. Pisano agreed that the procedures must be follow in dissolving the RTAC.

Councilmember Dixon suggested that this Committee review the new procedure in a year if the recommendation, set forth by the CEO group, moves forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia reiterated Mayor Bates Rideshare comments. She also emphasized the importance of communication in establishing the mission, selecting group members, and developing a method for integrating what is done at SCAG. This should be done in writing.

Mark Pisano outlined staff intentions: staff will prepare a draft memo, obtain input from our partners, and forward the finalized memo to the respective bodies. The memo will delineate the process for closing down RTAC, for operating the 1246 process, and for describing the relationship between the 1246 process and the TCC decision making, and it will include provisions for a one-year review.

**5.5**     Inland Freight Village Concept

No report was given.

**5.7**     Regional Air Quality Planning Update

No report was given.

**5.8**     Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Brochure: Transportation Management Through Technology – A Southern California Perspective

No report was given.

**5.9**     Long Range Transportation Finance (LRTF) Task Force

No report was given.

**5.10**    Goods Movement Advisory Committee

No report was given.

**5.11**    Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Task Force Meeting

No report was given.

**5.12**    Maglev Task Force Meeting

Mayor Bates, Maglev Chair, reported that the Task Force approved the Orange feasibility study report. The Task Force members approved a

milestone presentation on operations and maintenance costs for the L.A. South Study

**5.13** Regional Transportation Agencies Coalition (RTAC) Meeting

No report was given.

**ADDITIONAL ITEM:**

**5.14** AB 2333 (Nakano)

Mike Murphy, Governments Affairs, reported on the Nakano Bill (AB 2333) and post amendments.

Public Comment was given by Dennis Zane, representing El Segundo, the bill's sponsor

It was MOVED (Jacobs) and SECONDED (O'Connor) to support AB 2333, if amended.

Councilmember Dixon made comments opposing the Bill. He listed four reasons why, which Mike Murphy responded to.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was MADE (Dixon) and SECONDED (DeYoung) to oppose AB 2333. Councilmember Bernson called the question. A vote was taken to end the discussion. A 2/3 vote was reach and the discussion ended.

A vote was taken on the SUBSTITUTE MOTION. There were 8 AYES and 13 NOES. The MOTION FAILED.

A vote was taken on the ORIGINAL MOTION. There were 15 AYES and 7 NOES. It was APPROVED to support AB 2333 if amended.

**5.6** Volpe Report on Traveler Information User – Responses and Conclusions

Jane Lappin, US DOT/Volpe Center, reported on the Volpe National Research Report on Advanced Traveler Information Systems Users in the greater Los Angeles area.

**6.0** CHAIR REPORT

There was no Chair Report.

**7.0** STAFF REPORT

There was no Staff Report.

**8.0 COMMENT PERIOD**

There was no comment at this time.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Ron Roberts adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. The next Transportation and Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2002 at SCAG.

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Hasan Ikhata, Interim Director,  
Planning & Policy

## ATTENDANCE

### Voting Members Present

Councilmember Ron Roberts, Chair  
Mayor Pro Tem Lee Ann Garcia, Vice Chair

Councilmember Harry Baldwin  
Mayor Bruce Barrows  
Councilmember George Bass  
Mayor Ron Bates  
Councilmember Hal Bernson  
Councilmember Lou Bone  
Mayor Bill Davis  
Councilmember Cathryn DeYoung  
Councilmember Sarah Di Grandi  
Mayor Richard Dixon  
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger  
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs  
Councilmember Al Leiga  
Supervisor Jon D. Mikels  
Supervisor Judy Mikels  
Councilmember Pam O'Connor  
Mayor Gary Ovitt  
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis  
Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo  
Councilmember Jeffrey Reinhardt  
Mayor Tod W. Ridgeway  
Mayor Pro Tem Janice Rudman  
Supervisor Charles V. Smith  
Councilmember Dick Stanford  
Mayor Pro Tem Paul Talbot  
Councilmember Robert Turner  
Mayor Charles White

### Representing

City of Temecula, WRCOG Subregion  
City of Grand Terrace  
  
City of San Gabriel  
City of Cerritos  
City of Bell  
City of Los Alamitos  
City of Los Angeles  
City of Tustin  
City of Simi Valley, VCTC  
City of Laguna Niguel  
City of Cathedral City, CVAG  
City of Lake Forest  
City of Moreno Valley  
City of El Segundo  
City of Claremont, San Gabriel Valley COG  
County of San Bernardino  
County of Ventura  
City of Santa Monica, Westside/Summit Subregion.  
City of Ontario, SANBAG  
City of Cathedral City, CVAG  
City of Pico Rivera  
Las Virgenes-Malibu-Conejo Subregion  
City of Newport Beach  
City of Corona  
County of Orange County, OCTA  
City of Azusa  
City of Alhambra  
City of Port Hueneme, Ventura COG  
City of Moreno Valley, WRCOG Subregion

### Voting Members Absent

Mayor George Cole  
Mayor Tom Daly  
Councilmember John R. Fasana  
Councilmember Gary J. George  
Mayor Larry Grogan  
Mayor Pro Tem Peter Herzog  
  
Councilmember Robert Hunter  
Councilmember Tim Keenan  
Councilmember Lawrence Kirkley  
Mayor James C. Ledford, Jr.  
Vice Mayor Robin Lowe

### Representing

City of Bell, Gateway Cities COG  
City of Anaheim, Orange County COG  
City of Duarte, SGVCOG  
City of Redlands, SANBAG  
City of El Centro, IVAG  
City of Lake Forest, Orange County COG  
  
City of Victorville  
City of Cypress, Orange County COG  
City of Inglewood  
City of Palmdale  
City of Hemet, RCTC



Mayor Pro Tem Patsy Marshall  
Councilmember Keith McCarthy  
Councilmember Stacey Murphy  
Councilmember Mark Nuaimi  
Councilmember Karen Rosenthal  
Vice Mayor Xochilt Ruvalcaba  
Councilmember Kelly Seyarto  
Mayor Pro Tem David A. Spence  
  
Councilmember Tom Sykes  
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.  
Councilmember Linda Wilson

City of Buena Park, Orange County COG  
City of Downey  
City of Burbank  
City of Fontana, SANBAG CTC  
City of Claremont  
City of South Gate, Gateway Cities COG  
City of Murrieta, WRCOG Subregion  
City of La Canada Flintridge,  
Arroyo Verdugo Cities  
City of Walnut  
City of Pasadena  
City of Manhattan Beach, South Bay Cities COG

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Present  
Rose Casey

Representing  
Caltrans, Los Angeles

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Absent  
Board Member  
Rotating Board Member

Representing  
California, DOT  
Air Resources Board

Transportation Commissions – Vacant  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority